

# NEW WITNESSES TO HALL MURDER NAMED BY BRIBED STATE TROOPER

## Received Large Amount of Money To Drop Inquiry

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 1.—Investigators under Assistant Attorney General Alexander W. Simpson today were checking up on an affidavit made by Henry L. Dickman, former state trooper, who alleged he had been bribed four years ago to drop his investigation of the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

Senator Simpson refused to issue the text of Dickman's statement on the ground that the information was "too sensational" for disclosure except in a courtroom. According to the senator, the ex-trooper gave the names of several alleged eyewitnesses of the murder who never before have been mentioned in the case.

Dickman, in speaking of the bribe, said he had "received a large sum of money" to leave the state since he was the last investigator to work on the mystery. Detectives were on the trail of persons named by Dickman as bribers. Senator Simpson refused to give out any other information, even to the name of the detective who questioned Dickman in his cell at Castle William, Governors Island.

### Rumor Gorslines Separated

Residents of New Brunswick and Somerville, N. J., were aroused to a new pitch of interest by the Dickman report. In the former town, the trooper's story seemed to be superseded in popular interest by a rumor that Ralph V. N. Gorsline and his wife had separated.



Ralph Gorsline Katherine Rastall

Gorsline, vestryman in Dr. Hall's church, who admitted two weeks ago that he had lied for four years concerning his movements on the night of the murders because he had been at the Phillips farm with a woman not his wife, confirmed the rumor, but added that the separation was only temporary.

After Gorsline made his confession to state police, it was reported

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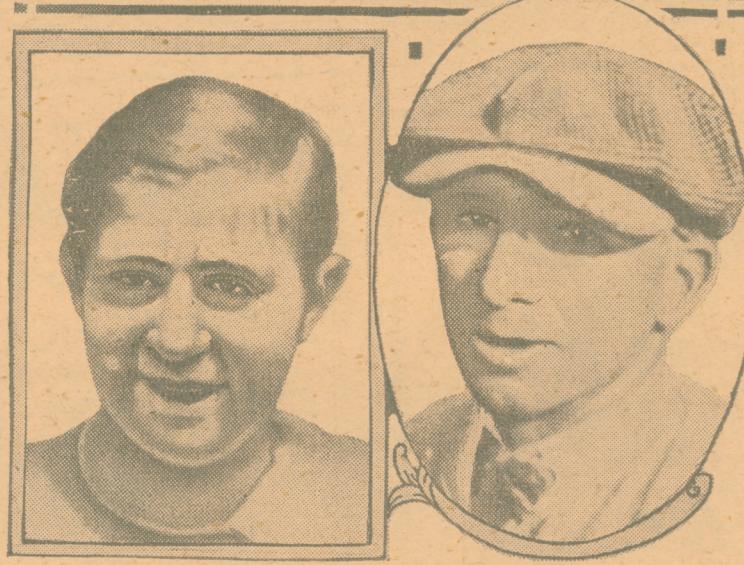
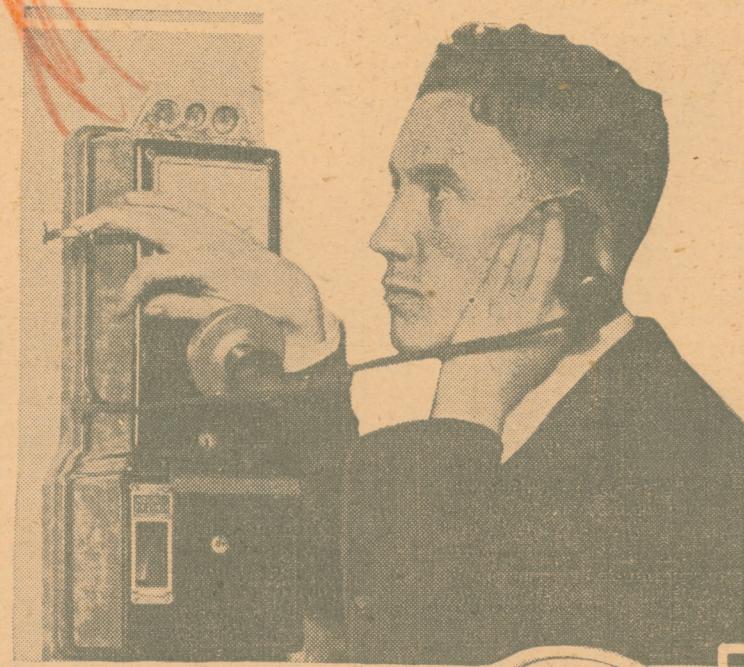
## Fire Routs 200 In Scanty Dress From Tenements

While flames lighted the area around West 19th Street and 11th Avenue, firemen early today battled a two-alarm fire that swept through the three-story building at 507 West 19th St.

Two hundred persons who lived in tenements on both sides of the burning structure were routed from their beds and led to the street in their night clothes. Rescues from the West 30th Street station were called out.

The building was occupied by a packing box company. The cause of the fire, which was discovered by passers-by, was not known. Damage was estimated at \$25,000.

## "Cherchez la Femme"—Also the Man



YES, FIND 'EM! The aggrieved husband, Roger Ashton, of 63 West 88th St., is hearing by phone from his runaway wife, supposed to be in Asbury Park. She says she proposes to stay there, or somewhere else, away from him. The triangle complement in the domestic infidelity is known only as "Scotty." He is shown, with the errant wife, in the insets.

## Miller Attache Assumes Blame for Merton Claim

Claims for millions of dollars were rushed through the office of Col. Thomas W. Miller, as alien property custodian, passed upon quickly and paid without more than passing notice, according to George E. Williams, former managing director of that bureau, who testified at the first day of the defense of Col. Miller, who with Harry M. Daugherty, formerly attorney general, is charged with conspiracy in the \$7,000,000 American Metal Company transfer. Williams assumed full responsibility for the hurried transfer of the claim.

Mr. Williams described in detail the events of five years ago when, the government alleges, the \$7,000,000 claim was hurried through Miller's and Daugherty's office in seventy-two hours and was personally delivered into Swiss-German hands in exchange for a \$391,000 gratuity distributed among those concerned in the transaction.

Mr. Williams conceded that the \$7,000,000 claim had been "expedited," as the government has alleged. But he refused to see anything irregular in this procedure, and said it had been followed by other claims until it had become a nuisance and had later been discontinued.

Mr. Williams also took occasion to deny that he had been influenced by the size of the Merton claim. "Millions meant nothing," he said, when trust funds were mounting toward a billion mark. Mr. Williams assumed full personal responsibility, in so far as the A. P. C. office was concerned, in the recommending of the allowance of the American Metal claim if its supporting evidence satisfied the office of Mr. Daugherty. He absolved Col. Miller in this connection and pictured his former chief as the hard-pressed administrator of the "largest trust company in the world" and as one who, accordingly, had had, perforce, to delegate the actual management of its infinite details to his staff, and to stand or fall by their decisions.

### TROPHY SUGGESTED

LONDON, Oct. 1 (By U. P.).—A world's Channel swimming trophy for the next person swimming the English Channel from England to France is suggested by Alfred Jonas, founder of the Webb Memorial.

## Heavy Smoke, Acid Fumes Overcome 30 at Early Fire, Causing \$10,000 Damage

Thirty firemen, including Battalion Chief Quinn and Battalion Chief Harry J. Comiskey, were overcome early today by fumes and gas from a stubborn blaze on the third and fourth floors of the building at 47 Fulton St. Ten firemen were in a serious condition and had to be relieved of duty.

The fourth floor is occupied by Lucius Pitkin, consulting chemist. It is believed that the fire started when chemicals were accidentally overturned. In a short time the wooden floor caught fire and soon the place was a mass of smoke and flames.

Fire Capt. George Carlain and Lieut. Edward Walsh were badly burned.

The loss was estimated to amount to more than \$10,000.

## Ship Afire, Rushes to Gain Port

SAVANNAH, GA., Oct. 1 (By U. P.).—The steel steamer New Britain, bearing an inflammable cargo and carrying a crew of fifty, was burning at sea and racing for the port of Savannah early today, according to radio messages.

Capt. Slattery reported the fire was so bad in the hold of the freighter that her port and starboard plates were buckling.

The burning boat was 270 miles southeast of her goal and making the exceptional speed of 11 knots an hour.

The crew of the New Britain will be rescued by the S. S. Furmore if the fire menace grows more critical, the Furmore advised the United States naval radio station here early today.

### Fire Boats Ready

The Furmore is following the New Britain towards this port.

Three fire boats are ready here to fight the flames when the ship enters port. It is impossible to fight the fire on the open sea. If the hatches are opened, the ship may be engulfed in flames, according to radio messages from Capt. Slattery.

The Coast Guard cutter Seneca and a tug are rushing out to sea to meet the burning boat.

No lives have yet been lost, according to radio messages.

### SARGENT IN MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY, MO., Oct. 1 (By U. P.).—Making his first trip into the West, John G. Sargent, United States attorney general, arrived here to attend the forty-fourth annual convention of the Missouri Bar Association.

REVERE, MASS., Oct. 1 (By U. P.).—Masked bandits raided a dice game and escaped with \$10,000—to \$15,000 in cash here during the night.

The robbery occurred in a Shirley Avenue cellar, where forty men were rolling for high stakes.

The four men were admitted after giving a secret password. Once inside, they produced automatic pistols and held up the players. One bandit struck Charles Shulman, the alleged gamekeeper, on the head with the butt of his gun. The latter fell unconscious.

Scooping up about \$2,000 in loose cash, this bandit joined his accomplices, who had lined the other men against the walls. Between \$8,000 and \$13,000 was removed from the players' pockets, according to police.

## WELLS'S BOOK RIDICULES BRITISH STATESMEN

LONDON, Oct. 1 (By U. P.).—Characters in the second volume of H. G. Wells's new novel, "The Life of William Clissold," speak frankly of contemporary statesmen. His characters described Lord Balfour as "a damned madonna lily," Lloyd George as "a magnificent weed," Ramsay MacDonald as posturing to "an audience that died twenty-five years ago," and says that "wherever the foreground is you will find Margot Asquith."

## Saw Walter Ward Here, Talked With Him, Says Cop

Patrolman Isaac Mendheim of the West 100th Street station has admitted that he saw and talked yesterday with Walter S. Ward who dropped from sight last May after his auto had been found outside Trenton, N. J., with a hole in the windshield.

He was acquitted several years ago of the murder of Clarence Peters and has frequently been reported found but members of his family have steadfastly denied knowing his whereabouts.

Patrolman Mendheim said that he had seen Ward often before his disappearance and that he could not have been mistaken.



Walter S. Ward

Mendheim discovered through another patrolman that there was no alarm for Ward and he therefore made no objection when the man bade him good morning and departed in an automobile bearing a Michigan license.

### ENTERTAIN EDITORS

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Brig. Gen. Merch B. Stewart, superintendent of the United States Military Academy, and his staff entertained a large number of magazine editors from various parts of the country.